Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Larry G. Nelson has served as a secondary Agriculture Education instructor at Salem, South Dakota, a post-secondary instructor for the Agribusiness Technology program at Lake Area Technical Institute, and State Supervisor of Agriculture Education; and,

Whereas, Larry has served as Assistant Director and Director of the Office of Career and Technical Education, and his service to South Dakota has spanned over 40 years; and,

Whereas, Larry has exhibited leadership through membership in many local, state, and national associations, and he held membership in the South Dakota Ag Teachers' Association for 40 years; and,

Whereas, Larry has earned many distinctions including Honorary State FFA Degree, American FFA Degree, Outstanding Vocational Teacher of the Year, South Dakota Friend of Tech Prep, South Dakota Association of Career and Technical Education's (SDACTE) Carl Perkins Humanitarian, Outstanding Vocational Education, and Outstanding Service awards, the first ever "Friend of SDACTE" award, and the National State Directors of Career and Technical Education "Distinguished Service" award; and,

Whereas, Larry's greatest contribution to career and technical education has been his consistency and his high standards, and he has been South Dakota's "Rock of Gibraltar" for career and technical education; and,

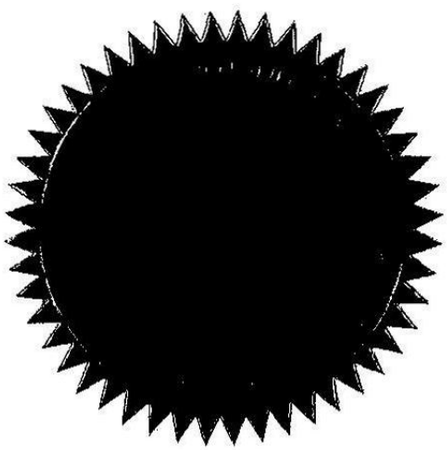
Whereas, Larry recognizes the support of his family, which include his wife, Sandy, sons, Gene and Terry, and their wives, Robin and Joanna, along with grandchildren Alexander and Katherine; and,

Whereas, Larry has decided to expend his energies in the pursuit of the elusive walleye instead of stressing his staff, and will continue as an avid South Dakota State University "Jackrabbits" fan:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Friday, October 3, 2003, as

LARRY G. NELSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his co-workers, family, and friends in congratulating him on this well-earned retirement and wishing him a long, healthy, peaceful and enjoyable retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State